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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 625
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Neil Barnhart Schultz
on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Neil Barnhart Schultz will celebrate his 80th birthday on April 2, 2000, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Neil Schultz was born in Bloom Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, but has been a highly respected member of the Oak Ridge community for more than 45 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1941, he graduated cum laude from Marietta College, where he majored in physics, was Phi Beta Kappa and was one of nine students to complete the first Marietta College Civil Pilot Training Course; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schultz, having piloted commercial planes, proudly answered his country's call to duty in 1942, was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Air Force and, after flying various types of aircraft in the North American Theatre during World War II, was transferred to Berry Field in Nashville; and

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WHEREAS, Lt. Schultz subsequently flew many missions across the Himalayan Mountains, transporting gasoline to the American and Chinese forces who were engaged in combat in the China/Burma/India Theatre and, as a result of his courageous and patriotic military service, earned numerous medals and awards, including the Air Medal, ribbons for military service in the three Theatres of World War II, and the China War Memorial Medal; and

WHEREAS, in October 1946, Mr. Schultz was honorably discharged a captain, his tour of duty having taken him to 46 states and 25 foreign countries, and then returned to civilian life by accepting employment with Warren-Tweed Pharmaceuticals from 1946 until 1954 before beginning his long and illustrious career in radiation safety and health physics at the Union Carbide Corporation Nuclear Division in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schultz served with acumen and alacrity as a professional safety engineer and health physicist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory's K-25 and Y-12 Plants for over 30 years, earning the respect of his peers for the superior quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he was certified as a professional safety engineer by the American Board of Health Physics, was honored by being named a Fellow by the American Public Health Association and the American Association for Advancement of Science and was invited to present one of his papers at the first meeting of the International Radiation Protection Association in Rome; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schultz ended his distinguished professional career on October 1, 1985, when he retired from Martin Marietta, but he remains an active and productive member of society by continuing his numerous worthy civic and charitable endeavors; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his community service career, Mr. Schultz has, among a myriad of other interests, given of his time to both the Camp Fire Girls and Boy Scouts of America, serving as a Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor and assisting his son, Rick, in becoming the first Scout in America to earn the Atomic Energy Merit Badge, served with distinction on the Executive Board of Recording for the Blind and volunteered over 10,300 hours

of his time to make audio recordings for the blind, resulting in him being honored with J.C. Penney's "Golden Rule Award" in recognition of his selfless service to the community, and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Schultz express their deep and abiding belief in God through their membership with the New York Avenue Church of Christ, where he has served as a Sunday School teacher and Church Deacon and has been actively involved in Bible correspondence for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schultz is most fortunate to share love and companionship with his wife of 55 years, Kathleen, their two fine children, Dr. Richard Lang Schultz, an otolaryngologist practicing in Oak Ridge and Kathryn Schultz Bauer, a medical technologist, and six grandchildren: Kristina Weir, Wendy Knight, Bethney Wilken, Paige Kimbrow, Todd Bauer, and Jeremy Schultz, who lovingly know him as "Poppie"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schultz has meticulously written his memoirs for the enjoyment and edification of his children and grandchildren and has created segments entitled "Grandpa, Please Tell Us," in which he answers questions posed by his grandchildren about his life and American culture in general; and

WHEREAS, variously described by family, friends and colleagues as thoughtful, intelligent, gentle, humble, kind and considerate, it would be an understatement of fairly large proportions to characterize the contributions of Mr. Neil Schultz to his nation, community, family and church as anything less than extraordinary; and

WHEREAS, those who have had the privilege of knowing Neil B. Schultz will little note nor long remember what we say here today in honor of the first 80 years of his rich, full life, but they will never forget all that he has accomplished during those years; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a man of his stature and character be appropriately honored and we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on the very special occasion of his birthday; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Neil Barnhart Schultz on the celebration of his 80th birthday and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.